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- Kristen Richards, Hon. AIA, Hon. ASLA, Founder & Editor, ArchNewsNow.com
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[Obama Administration Responds to We the People Petitions on SOPA and Online Piracy: ...the important task of protecting intellectual property online must not threaten an open and innovative internet. \[links\]](#) - The White House Blog

[End Piracy, Not Liberty: Millions of Americans oppose SOPA and PIPA because these bills would censor the Internet and slow economic growth in the U.S.](#) - Google

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